MOUNDS STATE PARK

Winter Workshop Series

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Nature Center phone: 765-649-8128 Property Office phone: 765-642-6627 INTERPRETIVE CENTER WINTER HOURS:

Monday thru Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm

All of our winter workshops will be held in the Visitor Center and **begin at 1:00pm**, unless otherwise noted. Workshops will last approximately 1½-2 hours. In the event of poor weather conditions, workshops may be cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. *There is no gate fee during the winter months*. To ensure we will have enough supplies for everyone, registration is required by the Wednesday before the workshop, unless otherwise indicated. To register or find out more about these great activities, call (765) 649-8128.

BUG BOXES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$5/box



Build a bug box out of wood and wire, then decorate it in a whimsical style. Bug boxes have been used for years by kids to collect their insect friends – but you can decorate yours to fit in with any nature-themed room décor too. Pre-registration is required.

GRAPEVINE WREATH SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$3/wreath

Wild grapevines can be considered a nuisance. But we can help the woodlands by removing these vines and using them for our craft. Add dried flowers, seasonal decorations, personal keepsakes, fishing lures, or just about anything, and you've got yourself a fun indoor/outdoor wreath. Pre-registration is required.

WINTER SOWING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$3/person



Winter sowing is a creative, easy, and inexpensive way to start hardy spring plants by seed. Indiana native plants need to go through a winter germination period, and you can make mini-greenhouses from recycled materials. Seeds, soil, and containers provided. Pre-registration is required.



WALKING STICK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$5/person

A walking stick can aid you in hiking - it takes pressure off your knees and back, and it can help you keep balance on uneven ground. Walking sticks can be works of art too. During this workshop, we'll have different methods of design for all ages (only older participants will be allowed to carve with a knife.) Pre-registration is required.

EXOTIC ANIMAL SHOW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 at 1:00pm & 3:00pm (Two shows due to popular demand!)

Activity fee \$3/person.

You won't see any of these critters roaming the woods of Indiana. That's why Critter Junction's Steve Thompson is happy to show off his wonderful collection of live exotic animals. Get up close and personal with these amazing animals and hear their adoption stories. REGISTRATION IS FOR CALL AHEAD SEATING – SIGN UP FOR THE 1PM or 3PM SHOWTIMES.

PIERCED TIN LANTERN

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$10/person



Lanterns served as a source of light in the 19th century. The punched tin lantern was unique in both design and function – some had family symbols on them made by "piercing" small holes into the tin allowing for light but with less chance to get blown out. Design your own beautiful lantern with tin, wood, wire, and tacks (all supplies and tools provided.) Pre-registration is required.

SPRING EQUINOX GEOCACHE EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 at 10:00am-3:00pm (Plus additional activities all weekend long!)

Activity fee: \$4/person



This new and fun recreation will have you exploring different areas of Mounds State Park. You'll navigate your way through the woods by using a GPS unit to find a cache (storage box with items inside.) Don't have a GPS unit? Come anyway and join another team, or we'll have some extra GPS units for you to borrow. If you have an extra unit, bring it along for someone else to borrow. All ages are welcome – so get your family

and friends together and get ready to have an outdoor adventure! Be prepared to win great prizes - these will be awarded for different categories. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! Pre-registration is required. Additional activities include weekend camping, campfire soup supper, and night geocaching. Interested in joining us for the entire weekend of activities?... call ahead to reserve a campsite and more information.

KITE BUILDING

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 at 1:00pm

Workshop fee: \$5/person



Windy springtime is the perfect season for kite flying. Take your adventures with kites to the next level and build your own! This is a great project, since you can build and fly the finished product in one day. Pre-registration is required.